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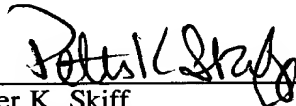
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Japanese Publication No. 09231965A, published May 9, 1997;  
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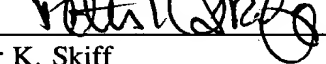
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